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ELEVEN MILLION AUSTRALIANS

1. It is estimated that the population of Australia will, on Sunday next the 17th November, reach the total of eleven million persons. The latest million has been added in four years and eight months. The tenth million took four years and seven months and the ninth million four years and nine months.

2. Thus the last three millions have been added at nearly equal time intervals, indicating an average population increase of about 214,000 persons per year.

3. Considered in proportion to population, the gaining of the latest million represents an average annual rate of increase of 2.1 per cent. With a growing population, a uniform increase in numbers represents a declining annual growth rate per cent of population. The annual rate per cent of population increase from the eighth to the ninth million was 2.5 and from the ninth to the tenth million was 2.3 per cent.

4. The following table shows the years in which the population of Australia reached each successive million, together with the average annual rate of increase in the intervening periods.

Population	Year	Average annual rate of increase
		Per cent.
One million	1858	-
Two million	1877	3.5
Three million	1889	3.5
Four million	1905	1.7
Five million	1918	1.8
Six million	1925	2.4
Seven million	1939 (December)	1.1
Eight million	1949 (November)	1.4
Nine million	1954 (August)	2.5
Ten million	1959 (March)	2.3
Eleven million	1963 (November)	2.1

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5. Elements of Increase: The two factors which contribute to the growth of population are the "natural increase" by excess of births over deaths and the "net migration" i.e., the excess of oversea arrivals over departures. These two factors are shown below for the periods ended 30th June, 1954 to 1963.

Year ended 30th June	Natural Increase		Recorded Net Migration	
	Persons	% of total increase	Persons	% of total increase
1954	120,041	69.4	53,050	30.6
1955	122,688	57.3	91,473	42.7
1956	128,029	56.4	98,838	43.6
1957	129,144	59.9	86,377	40.1
1958	136,460	67.2	66,601	32.8
1959	137,925	64.1	77,157	35.9
1960	140,402	63.9	79,118	36.1
1961	149,041	63.6	85,190	36.4
1962	148,525	75.4	48,410	24.6
1963	141,404	67.0	69,724	33.0

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